

Montgomery County Commissioners Meeting

August 19, 2003 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Chairman – Billy Maness

Vice-Chairman – Dolon Corbett

Commissioner – R.C. Bostic

Commissioner – Sally Morris

Commissioner – George Knight, Jr.

County Manager – Lee Matthews

Clerk to the Board – Laura B. Morton

County Attorney – Russell J. Hollers

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on August 19, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the County Administration Building. All Board members were present. *Chairman Maness called the meeting to order and the following was heard:*

Rev. Doug Beadle from the First Wesleyan Church gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and so the motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

Public Forum

No one spoke during the public forum.

Public Hearing To Receive Input On The Proposed Schedule Of Values

Chairman Maness closed the regular session and called to order the public hearing to receive input on the proposed schedule of values. No comments were made.

Chairman Maness adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular session.

Presentation by Michael Watson from Sandhills Center

Mr. Michael Watson was present from Sandhills Center. He gave an update on Sandhills Center Operations. He explained that the consolidation between Sandhills Center Area Program and Randolph County became effective July 1, 2003. He said the annual operating budget of \$46.5 million. He explained the major accomplishments that this merger made possible.

Mr. Watson also explained the implementation of the Local Business Plan. He said on April 1, 2003, Sandhills Center submitted its Local Business Plan (LBP) to the State Division of Mental Health. He said the LBP is a legislatively mandated reform of the community mental health system. He said the plan is designed to guide Sandhills Center's transition from an Area Program to a Local Management Entity (LME). He explained this is a three year transition.

Mr. Watson said it should be noted that Sandhills Center is in the process of implementing its Local Business Plan (LBP) as approved by our County Commissions. The Sandhills LBP has yet to receive any formal review or comment by the State Division of Mental Health.

Chairman Maness said we pay \$33,000 more than Anson and Hoke, do we get more services? Is there a process to get you caught back up?

Mr. Watson said this is one of the more difficult issues.

Commissioner Bostic said there is more of a presence here in Montgomery County.

Commissioner Corbett said to Mr. Watson that our Social Services Director mentioned that his department was told that Sandhills Mental Health may start charging the county. He said that might be something you may want to look into.

Set Public Hearing regarding the 10-Year Solid Waste Plan Update

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Corbett, and so the motion carried unanimously to set the public hearing for the September 16 meeting.

Budget Amendments

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the budget amendments for Project Class (Resource Officers) and DSS (State Child Care Funding – Daycare).

Rural Internet Access Authority Memorandum of Understanding

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Knight and so the motion carried unanimously to enter into the memorandum of understanding. This grant in the amount of \$24,350 will be used to start a county website, will set up 50 e-mail accounts, includes 1 new computer, and high speed internet access. It also will give us the ability to link between sites.

Chairman Maness asked who will be in charge of this. Mr. Matthews said Kris Hernandez has been working with this and has done an excellent job.

Chairman Maness said how quick will this be? Mr. Matthews said the guy we have been talking with is very anxious and has a time line of 90 days.

Items Carried Forward

Cable Franchise Ordinance (requires two readings)

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Knight, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the first reading of the Cable Franchise Ordinance.

911 Charges

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to set the 911 Surcharge at 80 cents. The motion was seconded by Chairman Maness.

Commissioner Bostic said he agrees with moving the rate down, but he said he doesn't think it is enough. He said we have been collecting \$1.10 for some time; they are going to tax wireless. He said we have \$425,000 we can afford to reduce this rate to at least half.

Commissioner Knight said Ron Adams said he thought 90 cents would be good and we can look at next year. He said I would like to go with recommendation now and look at it every year. He said I don't want to drop it now and pay for it later.

Commissioner Corbett said he said 80 cents in the end. Commissioner Knight said it is easier to bring the rate down than to increase the rate, people hate increases.

The motion carried with a 3-2 vote. (Voting for the motion, Commissioner Corbett, Chairman Maness, and Commissioner Morris. Voting against the motion, Commissioner Bostic and Commissioner Knight.

Soil and Water

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Corbett and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the following in the soil and water contract:

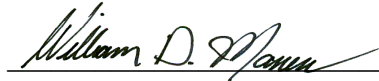
Department Head

The parties jointly agree that the District Board of Supervisors with concurrence of the County Manager/Board of County Commissioners will appoint the District Technician as the department head. The department head will represent the district and its employees at county meetings, conferences, and appropriate functions. Additionally, any Montgomery SWCD supervisor may represent the district and its employees in this capacity when so approved by the board.

Joint Meeting Reminder

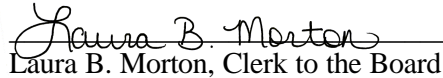
Chairman Maness reminded the board of the joint meeting with the Planning Board on Monday, August 25 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



William D. Maness, Chairman




Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board